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DUES RAISED

Faced with rising costs the Board of Governors, after considerable debate, voted a dues increase to \$125 a year for all resident members at its May meeting. The increase is effective Oct. 1.

Board action, by strong majority vote, established the \$125 figure despite recommendations by some that a higher dues schedule go into effect.

OPC President *Hal Lehrman* expressed the general sentiment of the Board when he said that it was a reluctant move, but it had to be done.

He said that the OPC for many years had been operating on dues that were much lower than for comparable press clubs throughout the nation, and that OPC had kept the line as long as possible.

In addition to the \$125 per annum for resident Actives and Associates, the Board rule that non-residents state-side (in all 50 states) would be raised from \$25 to \$35, while overseas members would be raised from \$20 to \$30 a year (which just about covers the cost of *The Bulletin*).

The dues of Affiliate and retired members in all categories remain unchanged.



"ALL THOSE IN FAVOR . . ." The newly-elected OPC Board of Governors gets down to business at its opening session May 20 in this picture made by their fellow governor, *Cornell Capa*. (An unusual collection of pictures of the Board in action appears in the fold-out spread of this issue. The Club's committee workers were urged to become fully involved in OPC affairs. See comprehensive story, fold-out page.)

8 Newsmen Join An Exclusive, But Sad, Fraternity

By *LOU FRANKEL*

The bugler moaned taps, quietly and mournfully, on the 10th floor of the Clubhouse, and eight new members of the most exclusive club in journalism were officially entered on the rolls.

The club, which charges no dues, recognizes no color line, and has neither economic nor ecumenical requirements, also has no living members. Only working correspondents killed in the line of overseas duty are eligible; and of the eight new members, seven died in Viet Nam, the eighth in West Germany.

Memorial services add to the grief of the immediate family and never quite tell the full story of the deceased individual's ability as a professional nor his personality as a human being. Yet since these eight died in the line of duty and only newsmen who have been in the line of fire know how fast a by-line fades and how important it is that we honor our own entries in the casualty lists.

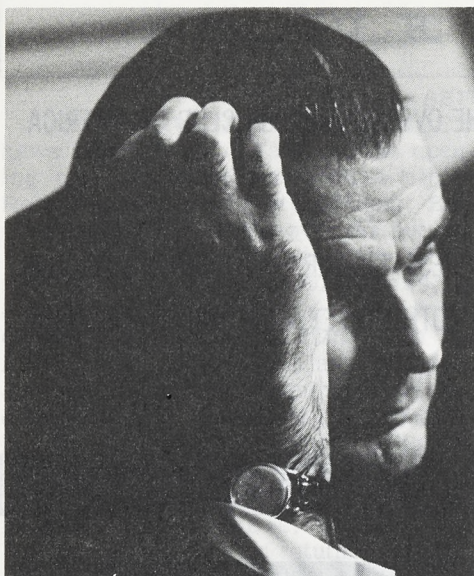
Accredited to the US

This time, for the first time, the OPC

Memorial Wall permitted the entry of correspondents who were not actually working for US media. Two of the new members were working for Reuters and a third for the Australian Associated Press; but since all were accredited to the US Armed Forces when they were killed, the OPC added their names to those on the 10th floor Memorial Wall.

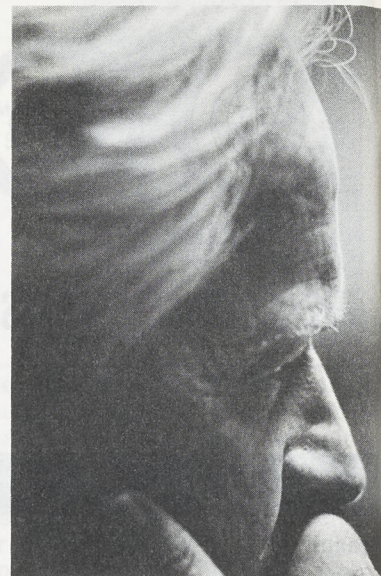
In 26 years since the shrine was started, the honor roll has grown until it now almost fills both walls on either side of the fireplace at the east end of

(See page 2, center)



Vice President Elmer Lower

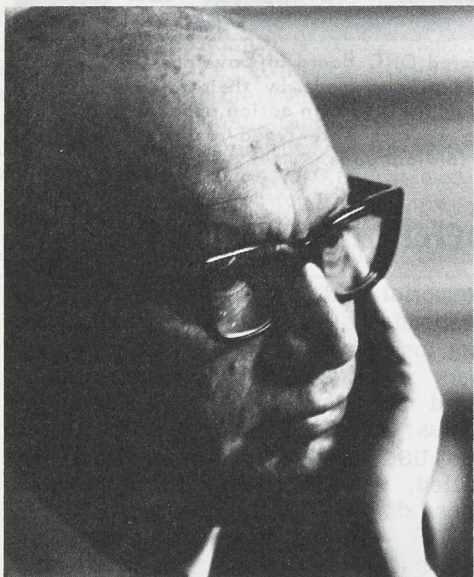
the look of deliberation



The Bulletin's Mark Henahan



Former President Dick Johnston

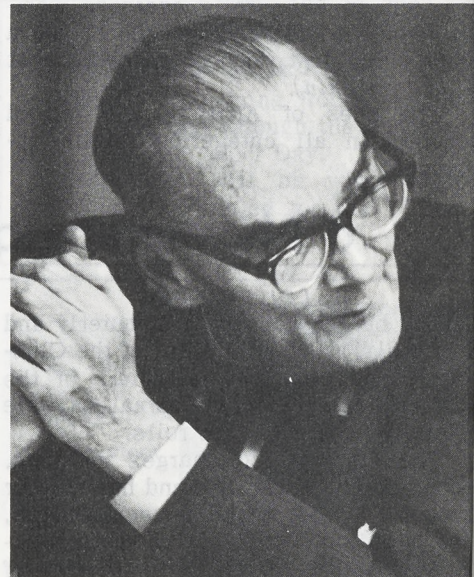


Governor Henry Gellermann

PHOTOGRAPHS

BY BOARD MEMBER

CORNELL CAPA



Club counsel Frank Wachsmith

The Board Meets And Acts

By JOSEPH HARROW

Full committee participation in Club affairs was stressed by OPC President *Hal Lehrman* at the May 20 meeting of newly-elected Board of Governors. The Board, in other business, voted a raise presidential committee appointments and considered constitutional amendments to safeguard the future of OPC (see committee listing, page 2).

In reaffirming the sovereignty of the Board as "OPC's congress," Lehrman also recommended that committee chairmen attend all Board meetings and would have a standing invitation to do so. "The committees are extensions of the Board," he said. "They are inter-related units and not just floating serenely and autonomously in outer space. They should be completely involved."

Lehrman pledged continuation of the procedure, introduced in his first administration, for advance documentation of issues prior to a Board meeting so that all officers and governors have prior notice and data on subjects coming up. He urged Board members to originate "members' bills" of their own as legislation in the interests of OPC.

Concerning his imminent European trip, Lehrman said he would explore the possibility of establishing overseas "chapters" of OPC, as well as the concept of regional vice presidents for respective areas abroad.

Call for Amendments

In his report, Lehrman noted the need for constitutional amendments, particularly for an interim in the transfer of power from an outgoing administration to its successor, also the elimination of other archaic limitations on the Board.

He suggested that, by 1970, the constitution provide for a decent interval between the election of new officers and their investiture so as to insure continuity rather than the sudden break which is present practice. He also recommended that the Board be empowered to generate amendments and send them directly to the membership. Current requirements stipulate a membership meeting at which draft amendments are

debated and from which a transcript goes out with a ballot. Since such meetings are sparsely attended, they are not representative, Lehrman said, and should not therefore speak for the entire membership.

Also discussed was a modest "experience requirement" before a member may become a candidate for Club office, to provide that OPC is assured officers and governors with some knowledge of complex Club operations and a reasonable length of time in the Club as members.

It was tentatively proposed that a candidate should have had at least one term on the Board to run for an office, and that for a post as governor, a candidate should have been a member for at least five years and have served two years on a working committee.

Lehrman appointed and the Board confirmed Club counsel *Frank Wachsmith* and Fast President *Louis Lochner* as co-chairmen of the Constitution Committee, in which capacity they have served to date.

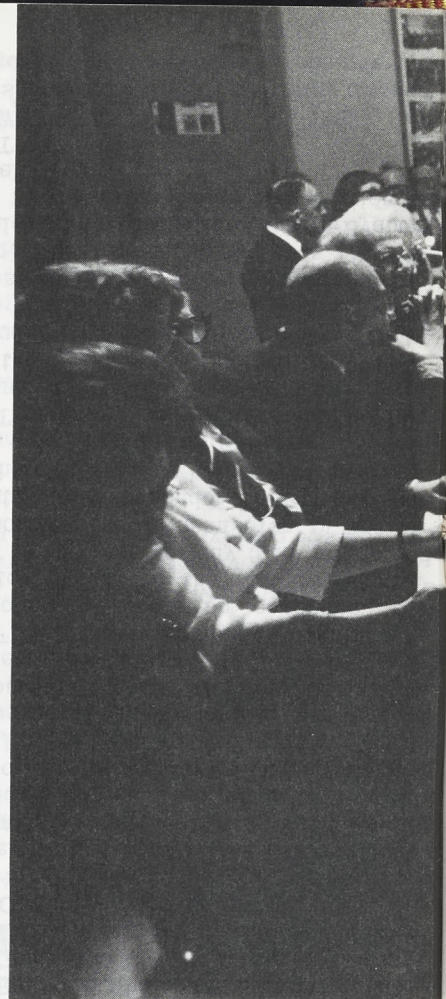
Will Yolen made the motion to accept the president's report and congratulated Lehrman on his past fine term of office.

Assistant to President

Concerning the protocol of Club leadership in the president's absence abroad, Lehrman said that First Vice President *Mary Hornaday* would be the senior resident officer and that Treasurer *James Sheldon* would aid as assistant to the president during that period. During the summer suspension of Board meetings, the Executive Committee would be available where necessary for emergency decisions. Lehrman, however, will be in frequent touch with Club headquarters while overseas.

Sheldon, at the conclusion of his Treasurer's report, said that in the light of projected programs, "the Club would for the first time in several years be established on a sound financial basis."

In other business, the Board elected Past President *Burnet Hershey*, *Frank Gervasi* and *Cornell Capa* to the Executive Committee. Other Committee members are the president, Miss Hornaday,



The OPC

A 'FIRST'

Another "first" in Club history was chalked up at the May meeting of the recently-elected Board of Governors.

The assembled conclave noted presence of Associate Governors *Betty Etter* and *Jay Brennan*, who cast the first votes for Associates on Club policy. (Steve Kersen, the third Associate Governor, could not attend.)

Sheldon, and Club Secretary *Lin Root*.

The Board also:

- Confirmed, as new members of the Foundation, Sheldon, Gervasi and *Henry Gellermann* for three-year terms.

- Commended Past President *Hershey* for his efforts re the recent ceremonies and plaque unveiling at the Club Memorial Wall.

- Concurred that the annual Foundation meeting be postponed from May to September to allow time for the president to select and the Board to confirm new Foundation trustees.

- Omitted Board meetings through June and July with a possible reconvening set for August.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman
Committee

*Hal Lehrman
Cornell Capa, Frank Gervasi,
Burnet Hershey, Mary Hornaday,
Lin Root, James Sheldon*

ADMISSIONS – Chairman

Vice Chairmen
Committee

*Mary Hornaday
Ralph Jules Frantz, William Laurence,
Barrett Gallagher, Webb McKinley,
Kathleen McLaughlin, David Resnick,
Russell Tornabene*

ART COMMITTEE – Chairman

Lou Levick

BOOK PUBLISHING—Chairman

Will Yolen

BULLETIN – Chairman

Joseph Harrow

CONSTITUTION—Co. Chairmen

Louis Lochner, Frank Wachsmith

CREDIT – Chairman

Will Yolen

FOREIGN JOURNALISTS

LIAISON – Chairman

Arthur Reef

GRAPHIC ARTS – Chairman

Kay Kato

HOUSE OPERATIONS

Chairman

Ruth Biemiller

JOURNALISM STUDENT

ACTIVITIES – Chairman

Vice Chairmen

*Anita Diamant Berke
Dorothy Gordon, John Luter,
Gertrude Samuels*

LECTURE – Chairman

Liz Weissblatt

OVERSEAS RECRUITMENT

Co-Chairmen

Seymour Freidin, Hugh Mulligan

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMMITTEE

Cornell Capa

PLACEMENT – Chairman

Vice Chairman

*Arthur McQuiddy
Fred Fukuchi*

PROGRAM COUNCIL –Chairman

Vice Chairmen

*Howard L. Kany
Lawrence Blochman, Richard de Rochemont,
Burnet Hershey, Allan Jackson,
Dorothy Omansky, James Sheldon,
Sam Summerlin*

BOOK NIGHT – Chairman

Anita Diamant Berke

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

DINNERS – Chairman

Lin Root

RECEPTION – Chairman

Vice Chairman

*Richard de Rochemont
Hallie Burnett*

REGIONAL DINNERS

Chairman

DeWitt Davidson

PUBLIC INFORMATION

COUNCIL – Chairman

Ted Barron

RADIO/TV – Chairman

David Shefrin

THEATRE – Chairman

Lin Root

VOLUNTEERS – Chairman

Mary Joe Connolly

WASHINGTON PROGRAM

Chairman

Vice Chairmen

*Jessie Stearns
Dixon Donnelley, Joseph Newman,
Ansel E. Talbert, Fay Wells*

Sad Fraternity (From page 1)

the room. The eight new names are:

Klaus Frings, 32, photographer for the AP, killed at Munich, April 15, covering the student riots. His plaque unveiled by the German Consul-General Dr. Klaus Curtius.

Hiroichi Mine, 27, UPI photographer, killed at Saigon, May 5. Plaque unveiled by the Japanese Consul-General Mr. Y. Nara.

Charles R. Eggleston, 23, photographer for UPI, killed at Saigon, May 6. Plaque unveiled by W. Clifford McDowell, general manager of UPI Newspictures.

Robert J. Ellison, 23, photographer on assignment for *Newsweek*, killed at Khe Sanh, March 4. Plaque unveiled by *Cornell Capa*.

John R. Cantwell, 30, correspondent for *Time*, one of four newsmen killed in their jeep by the VC at Saigon, May 5. Plaque unveiled by Richard N. Clurman, *Time's* chief of correspondents.

Ronald B. Laramy, 31, Reuters correspondent, killed in the jeep at Saigon, May 5. Plaque unveiled by *Alan Waple* of the British Information Service.

Bruce Pigott, 23, assistant bureau chief for Reuters, and Michael Y. Birch, 24, correspondent for the Australian Associated Press; both killed in the jeep at Saigon, May 5. Plaques unveiled by Sir Reginald Sholl, the Australian Consul-General.

Burnet Hershey, a past president of the OPC, presided at the services. *Edgar Ansel Mowrer*, veteran war and peace correspondent and Pulitzer Prize winner, commented on the death of the correspondents. Captain George A. Wright, senior chaplain of the Third Naval District, gave the benediction. A Marine Corps honor guard stood to attention as Corporal Robert Sherrard, a Marine bugler, blew taps.

Finally the audience unanimously approved a resolution condemning the wanton killing of the four correspondents in the jeep on May 5 in Saigon and authorized the transmission of the resolution to Ambassador *Averell Harriman* at the peace talks being held in Paris.

Resolution Endorsed

The resolution has been endorsed by a number of other press clubs throughout the world since the meeting. These included the Fort Worth Press Club, The Detroit Press Club, The Los Angeles Press Club, The Liverpool Press Club, The International Press Club of Munich, The Journalist Club in Sydney, and The Foreign Press Association in Israel.

Text follows:

WHEREAS: on May 4, 1968, four newspaper correspondents riding through Saigon's Cholon quarter to observe the

street fighting were ruthlessly assassinated by the Viet Cong military, who ignored warnings that they were aiming at a press car; a VC officer stepping up the men and, with brutal contempt for the cries in Vietnamese "Bao Chi . . . Bao Chi . . . Newsmen" coldly and deliberately emptying his Colt .45 into a protesting reporter and then ordering the bodies booby-trapped;

WHEREAS this act of wanton murder, with no quarter given and with no pertinent military purpose or significance, was a brazen and deliberate violation of international as well as natural law, and

WHEREAS even the most hardened conscience of our Axis and North Korean Communists . . . while not sparing innocent civilians . . . had never stooped to such atrocities against members of the press;

THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED that this Meeting assembled in the Overseas Press Club Memorial Room, before the Memorial Wall whereon are emblazoned the names of 118 colleagues who lost their lives in serving a free press, solemnly condemns this act of Viet Cong barbarism and expresses its revulsion against the savagery of the officers and men who cut down our young colleagues;

AND be it FURTHER RESOLVED

NEW YORK SCENE

Wed., June 19 - Edward R. Murrow World Affairs Forum and opening of new Murrow Memorial Library and Ruth Houghton Axe Press Room, with Undersecretary of State Nicholas de B. Katzenbach. Open House in the Library at 6 p.m.; dinner, 7:30 p.m. \$6.

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Tues., June 25 - Book Night, "The Experts" with authors Seymour Freidin and George Bailey. Cocktails 6:30 p.m., dinner, 7:30 p.m.

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Program Note: UN Amb. Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe of Ceylon discusses the role of small countries in the UN on "International Interview" at 10 p.m. June 12, Channel 31. Panelists: Ed Edwin, political writer; P.R. Reddi, Indian Express newspapers, and Inga Galtung, Morgenbladet, Oslo. Produced by Sylvia Taylor in cooperation with OPC.

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All reservations not cancelled 24 hours in advance will be charged to members' accounts.



SOLEMN DUTY: A Marine honor guard stands by as the plaque for Hiromichi Mine is unveiled by the Japanese Consul-General, Mr. Y. Nara. Eight new plaques were unveiled at the Memorial Service.

(Photo by Frank Johnston, UPI)

that this Resolution be transmitted to the American Delegation now confronting the North Vietnamese in Paris, with the request that the delegates from Hanoi be seized with its contents, inasmuch as we believe that the universal indignation which this act has aroused is not irrelevant to the pourparlers for the peace which is being sought.

To die in any cause is tragic. To be

BOARD THANKS HERSHEY

Deep appreciation was expressed by the Board of Governors to Past President *Burnet Hershey* for his "monumental efforts" in assuring a fitting Memorial Awards ceremony and the unveiling of plaques at the Club May 27 to eight newsmen killed recently in line of duty.

The Board, by acclamation, ruled that the Club secretary sent Hershey an official communication of thanks and appreciation.

BOOKS FOR LIBRARY

The OPC Foundation is inviting contributions of books from members and other donors for use in the new Edward R. Murrow Memorial Library and Ruth Houghton Axe Press Room, opening soon.

The library, maintained by the Foundation, needs comparatively recent reference books for use by members, their guests and newsmen preparing stories. A library section also will be devoted to books by Club members.

Books should be sent prepaid to the OPC Foundation, 54 West 40th St., New York, N.Y. 10018.

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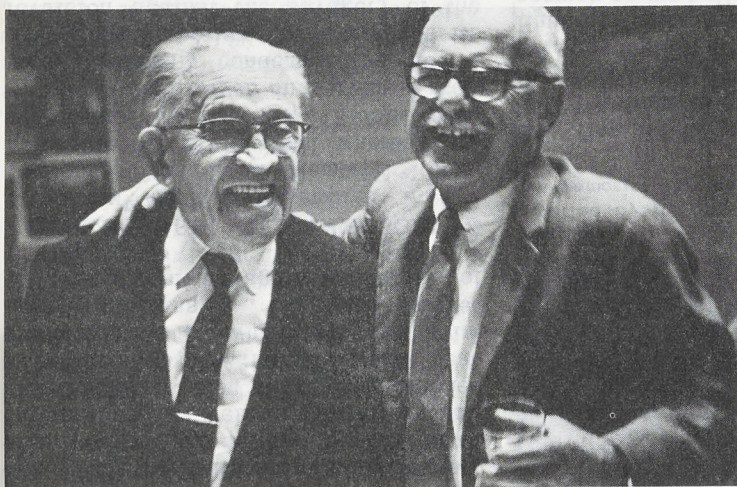
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PUBLIC RELATIONS



Board and officers debate the dues raise during the new administration's first meeting since the April election.



Governor Bill Laurence and Past President Will Yolen share a funny moment before serious work starts.



Governor Irene Corbally Kuhn ponders question put to her by Bulletin Chairman Joseph Harrow.



Board members Madeline Ross and Anna Berke exchange opinions on Club issues.

Associate governors Berry Etter and Jay Brennan are briefed by President Hal Lehrman.



Yolen puts forth the resolution to accept the president's report.



Treasurer James Sheldon



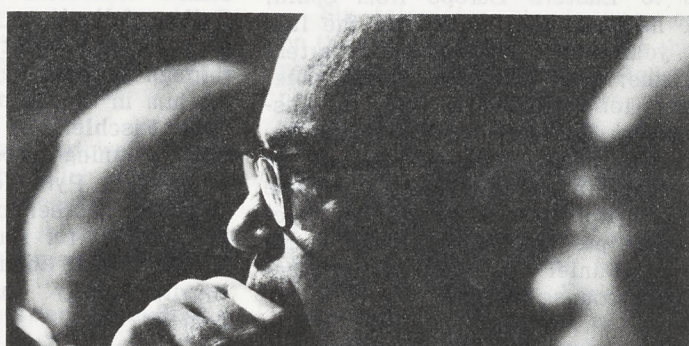
Governors Larry Blochman and Will Oursler



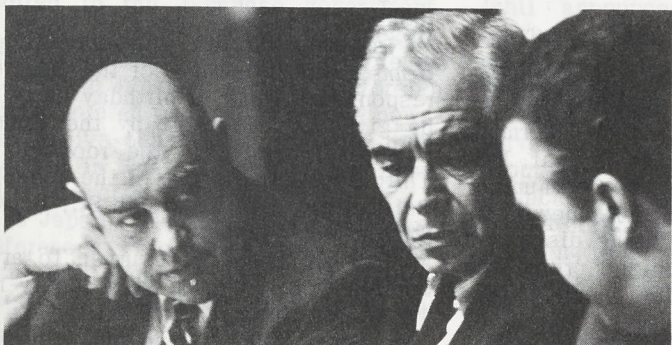
Board member Dick de Rochemont



Past President Louis Lochner



Board member Ed Talbert



Governor Don Coe, Vice President Frank Gervasi



Executive Director Frank O'Rourke

People & Places

By BETTY ETTER

ON THE GO: **Milton M. Enzer** back from seven months' in Israel, via the Queen Anna Maria, with stops at Athens, Messina, Naples, Palermo and Halifax. . . . **Joseph H. Singer**, assistant PR director of General Foods, visiting Iran the first two weeks of this month to consult, by invitation, with the Ministry of Economy on Iran's export promotion program. On the way back, he plans to touch bases in Istanbul, Paris and London. . . . **Jerry Kriska** in England and Ireland; plans to return about June 20. . . . **John C. Parry** back from two weeks reserve duty with the Navy in Puerto Rico, where he served as public affairs officer on the staff of Commander Caribbean Sea Frontier. . . . Freelancer **Richard W. Bruner** to Washington this month to help stage a multi-screen presentation scripted by him. The presentation, sponsored by AT & T, is being made to the American Newspaper Publishers Association conference. . . . **Harrison Forman** just returned from a look-see at some of the newly-created national parks in the Southwest. . . . NY Timesman **Tillman Durdin** in from Hong Kong, while Times' **Eric Pace** has returned to Cairo.

NEW POSTS: Shifts among NY Times foreign correspondents include **Tad Szulc** to Eastern Europe from Spain, where he has been located for the last three years, with present headquarters in Prague; **Bob Trumbull**, bureau chief in Tokyo for the last four years, to Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific, with headquarters in Sydney, to take effect in the fall after his home leave. . . . **Robert J. Stone** elected executive vice president of national operations at Daniel J. Edelman, international PR counseling firm.

ARTICLES: **Jack Harrison Pollack's** "We Must Stop the Sale of Switchblade Knives" a Parade Magazine cover feature. . . . **Leo Margolin** in the Civil Service Leader, writing on "The New Anarchy Revisited," quoted in a guest editorial in the NY Daily News. . . . Brazil's **Eva Ban**, here as a foreign correspondent, doing a series of articles, "The Terrible Mystery of Children's Suicides" for World Wide Features. The articles will contain interviews with well-known psychiatrists and psychologists and include some rules about what parents should do in a crisis.

William R. McAndrew, 53, Dies

NBC News President **William R. McAndrew** died May 30 at Lawrence Hospital in Bronxville, New York.

McAndrew, 53, had been hospitalized since about a week before as a result of a fall in his Bronxville home.

Under his direction, the NBC organization grew from a staff of 70 in 1951 to nearly 1,000 today — the largest broadcast news staff in the world. McAndrew was responsible, in 1956 after the political conventions, for the pairing of Chet Huntley and David Brinkley for the medium's first two-man anchor team for



McAndrew

the early evening newscast.

His leadership of the organization brought many awards, including a special George Foster Peabody citation in 1963. His honors included several honorary degrees; the last was a Doctor of Laws degree from Holy Cross College, conferred in absentia the day before his death. In 1963 he was invested as a Knight of Malta, one of the highest bestowed on Roman Catholic laymen.

McAndrew was currently a trustee of the OPC's Correspondents Fund, was a former OPC Foundation trustee and for several years was a member of the Annual Awards Dinner honorary committee.

Survivors are his wife, Irene; a son, William Jr.; two daughters, Mary (an AP reporter) and Mrs. John J. Prendergast; three grandchildren; his father, William S. McAndrew; and a sister, Mrs. Andrew Oblazney.

BOOKS: **Sylvia G.L. Dannett**, who has heretofore written only for adults, has sold her first Young Adult book to Dodd Mead, and early spring 1969 publication is planned. She was assisted in writing the new volume by Rosamund Burkart. . . . New and enlarged edition of **Juliet Lowell's** "Dear Doctor" out via Funk & Wagnalls June 12, with illustrations by Otto Soglow. The May issue of Cosmopolitan contained two pages of the book's material. Author also was represented in June 2 This Week with "The Voice of the Voter." . . . **James Wakefield Burke** on Frederick Fell's fall list with "Jack Ruby's Girls," a portrait of Ruby as seen through the eyes of the girls who worked for him in the Carousel, in Dallas. . . . **Stan Fischler**, of The Toronto Daily Star, finishing a book, "Hockey Stars of 1969," for Pyramid and also presently ghosting another book on Ranger star Rod Gilbert for Hawthorn. . . . **Richard Harrity** writing about "The World Famous Harrity Family" due June 24 from Trident Press.

HONORS: **Joseph G. Weisberg**, executive editor of the Jewish Advocate of Boston, received an award to his paper for publishing the best supplement bearing on Israel's 20th anniversary year. The award was presented in Washington by Israel Ambassador Yitshak Rabin.

SPEAKERS: **Lawrence F. Mihlon** lectured on advanced public relations at Ohio University College of Communications, of which **John Wilhelm** is dean.

Letters

CROCKETT PARTY

On June 19 **Albert S. Crockett**, the oldest OPC member, will be 95 years old. In recent years his friends usually brought him to the Club to celebrate his anniversary. He is too feeble now for this means of honoring the "father of the by-line" and one of the "greats" in his generation of American overseas correspondents.

Instead, through the initiative of **Bruno Shaw**, president of the OPC Correspondents Fund, a birthday party will be given Mr. Crockett by the Fund at 3 p.m., June 19, in the room off the Third Floor Auditorium of the Josephine Baird Home, 340 West 55th St., between 8th and 9th Avenues.

His old friends are urged to attend the function. He is a very lonely man. Those who cannot come will make him very happy if they send him a birthday card.

Louis P. Lochner

RADIO & TV: Newsmen interviewing Gov. Rockefeller on "Meet the Press" (NBC-TV) June 9 include **Vermont Royster** of the Wall Street Journal, **William Attwood** of Cowles Communications and **Sidney Lazard**, NBC news correspondent. . . . **Leo Cherne** discussed the penetration of organized crime into big business with Martha Deane (WOR) June 4. . . . **Frank Gervasi**, author of "The Case for Israel," on Jack O'Brian's "Critics Circle" (WOR) June 3.